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8. (amended) A bracket device according to claim 2, wherein said locking means is a wedge member and a slot is provided in said wedge member which in use substantially straddles said attachment means.

9. (amended) A bracket device according to claim 2, wherein said wedge member includes a channel adapted to encompass said flange portion of said main member.

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11. (amended) A bracket device according to claim 1, wherein said operating member is a step for attachment to a utility pole having a thin wall section.

12. (amended) A bracket device according to claim 1, wherein said operating member is a suspension bracket for suspending hardware from a utility pole having a thin wall section.

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17. (amended) A main member for a bracket device according to claim 1.

18. (amended) A wedge member for a bracket device according to claim 2.

Please cancel omnibus claims 22 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.